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SUBJ: EXCERPT FROM THE WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
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1. A HIGH-LEVEL AL-FATEH DELEGATION LED BY ABGT JIHAD
(ARAFAT'S BROTHER-IN-LAW, AND A FOUNDING FATEH MEMBER WHO
ONCE STUDIED IN THE PRC AND SERVED AS FATEH REPRESENTATIVE
IN PEKING IN 1973) ARRIVED IN CHINA ON JULY 17. ALTHOUGH
NCNA RARELY KEEPS ITS READERSHIP APPRAISED OF THE ACTIVITIES
OF VISITING PLO DELEGATIONS , THIS TIME IT HAS HIGHLIGHTED
THE GROUPS "CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY CONVERSATION" WITH
PRC SENIOR VICE-PREMIR TENG HSIAO-PING AND FONMIN CHIAO
KUAN-HUA. (MOREOVER, A PRC-OWNED HONG KONG PAPER ON
JULY 23 FRONT-PAGED A PHOTO OF THE TENG-JIHAD MEETING.)
ON JULY 18, NCNA CARRIED A REPORT OF A BANQUET HONORING
THE GROUP AND HOSTED BY VICE FONMIN HO YING AT WHICH HO
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CHARACTERIZED THE MID-EAST SITUATION AS "EXCELLENT". ACKNOW-

LEDTED SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD RESOLVING THE MID-EAST PROBLEM WHEN HE ASSERTED THAT THE SUPERPOWERS ARE TRYING "TO RESTORE THE 'NO WAR, NO PEACE' STALEMATE", AND CHARGED THE SOVIETS WITH PRACTICIING SPLITTISM IN A BID TO DISRUPT AND UNDERMINE THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN AND ARAB PEOPLES. CASTING YET ANOTHER BARB AT THE SOVIETS, HO DECLARED THAT THE SINO-PA-LSTINIAN/ARAB FRIENDSHIP AND REVOLUTIONARY UNITY " CAN STAND ALL TESTS AND NO ONE CAN EVEN DISRUPT OR UNDERMINE IT".

2. IN REPLY, JIHAD STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ARMED STRUGGLE AND UNITY AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CHINA'S "CONSISTENT SUPPORT AND AID". THE FATEH DELEGATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SEEK INCREASED CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAEL. HOWEVER, IT IS THE COMMON BOND OF PROBLEMS WITH MOSCOW, RATHER THAN WITH TEL AVIV, THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THESE RECENT FATEH AND CHINESE MOVES TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY. (BEIRUT 9244 AND NCNA JULY 17, 18, 21).

3. ELSEWHERE, AN NCNA REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF PORT ADEN AS A RESULT OF THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL ALSO TOOK NOTE OF AN ARTICLE IN THE OFFICIAL PRESS OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN WHICH STATED THAT "WE ARAB PEOPLE ARE HOSPITABLE. WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS AND TOURISTS TO OUR COUNTRY, BUT WE DON'T WELCOME AN GUEST WITH WARSHIPS BECAUSE IT MEANS LETTING THE TIGER THROUGH THE BACK DOOR WHILE REPELLING THE WOLF THROUGH THE FRONT GATE", --- A NOT UNWELCOMED VARIATION ON A FAVORITE PRC THEME. (NCNA JULY 19).
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